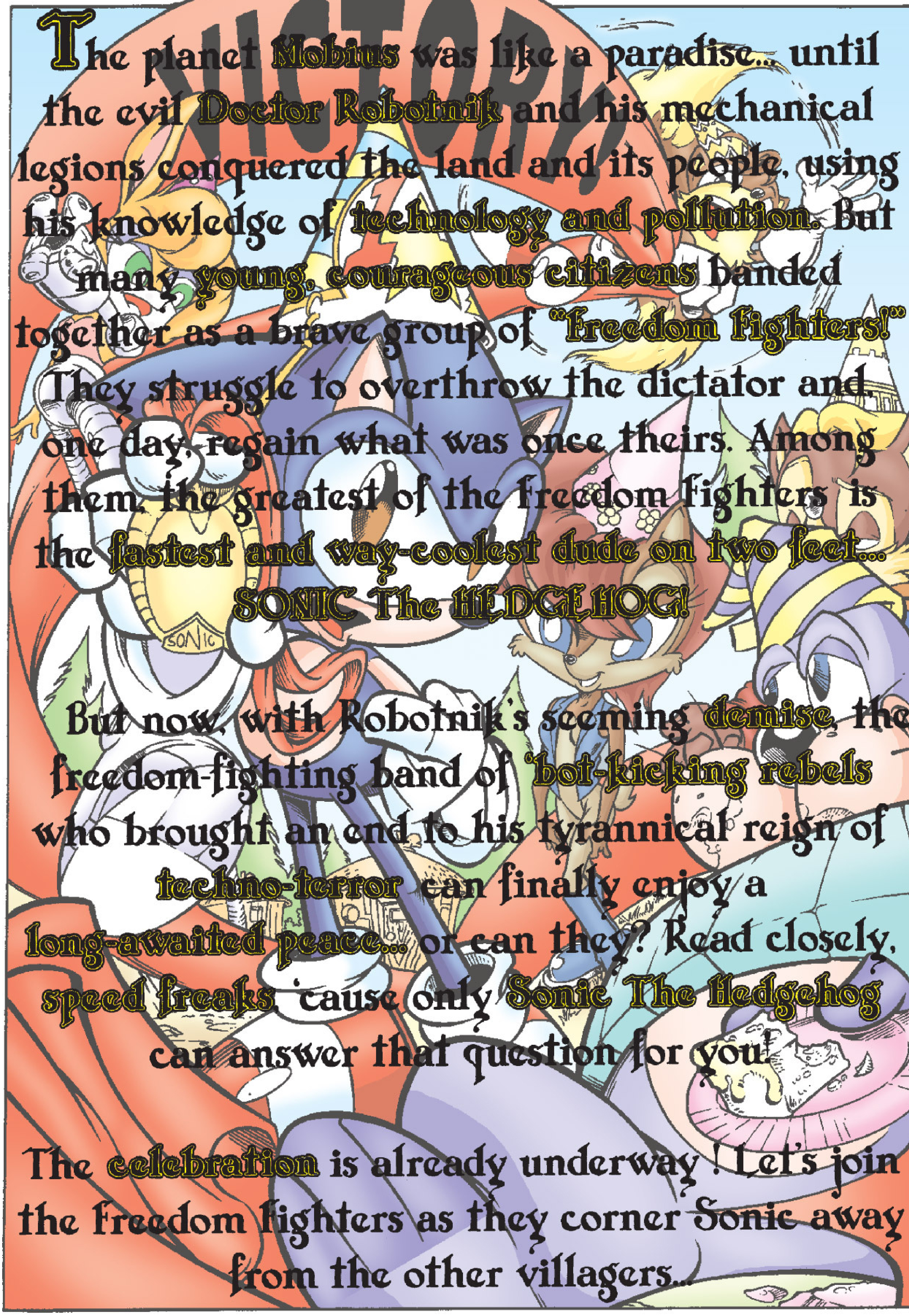
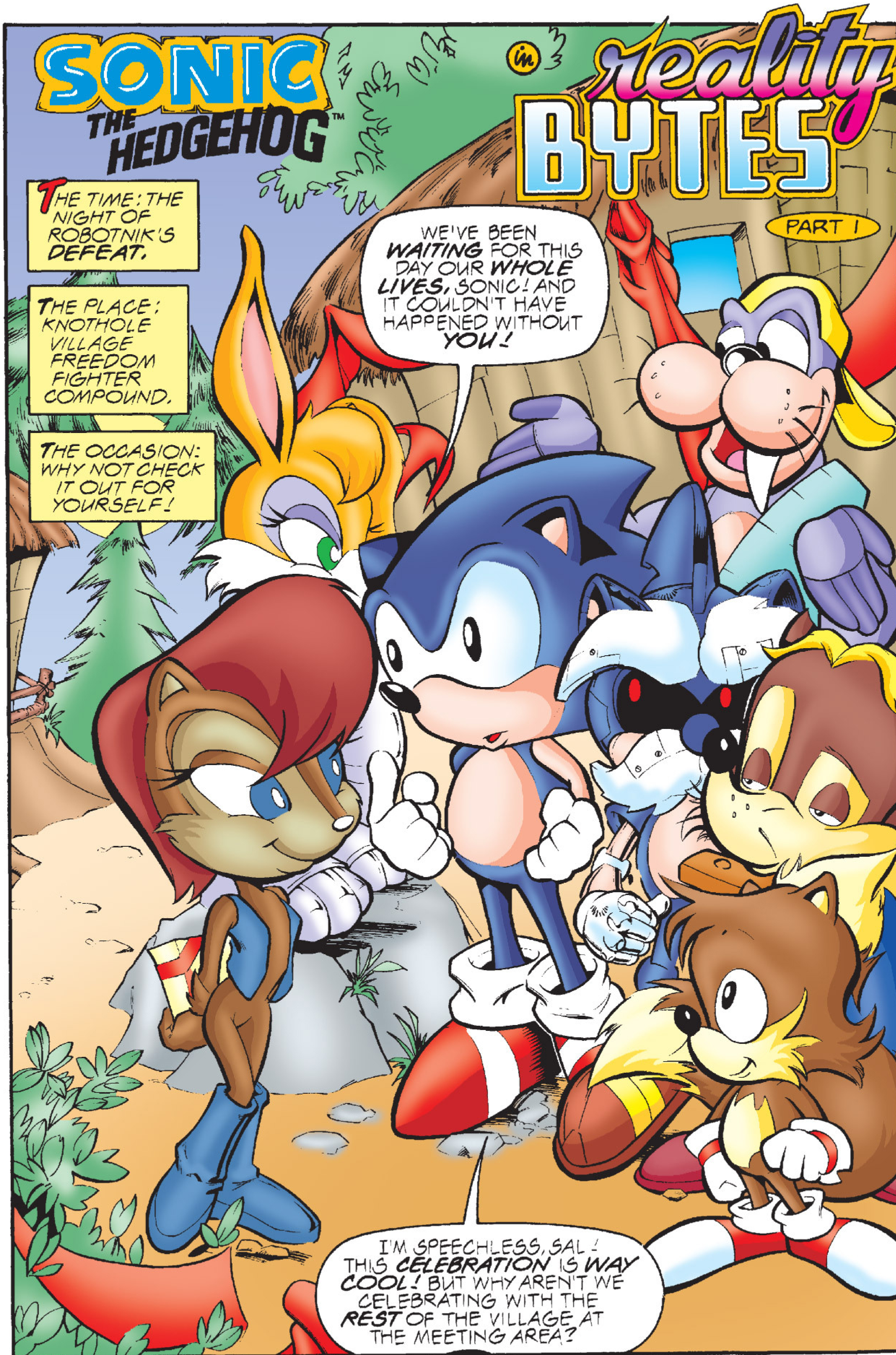
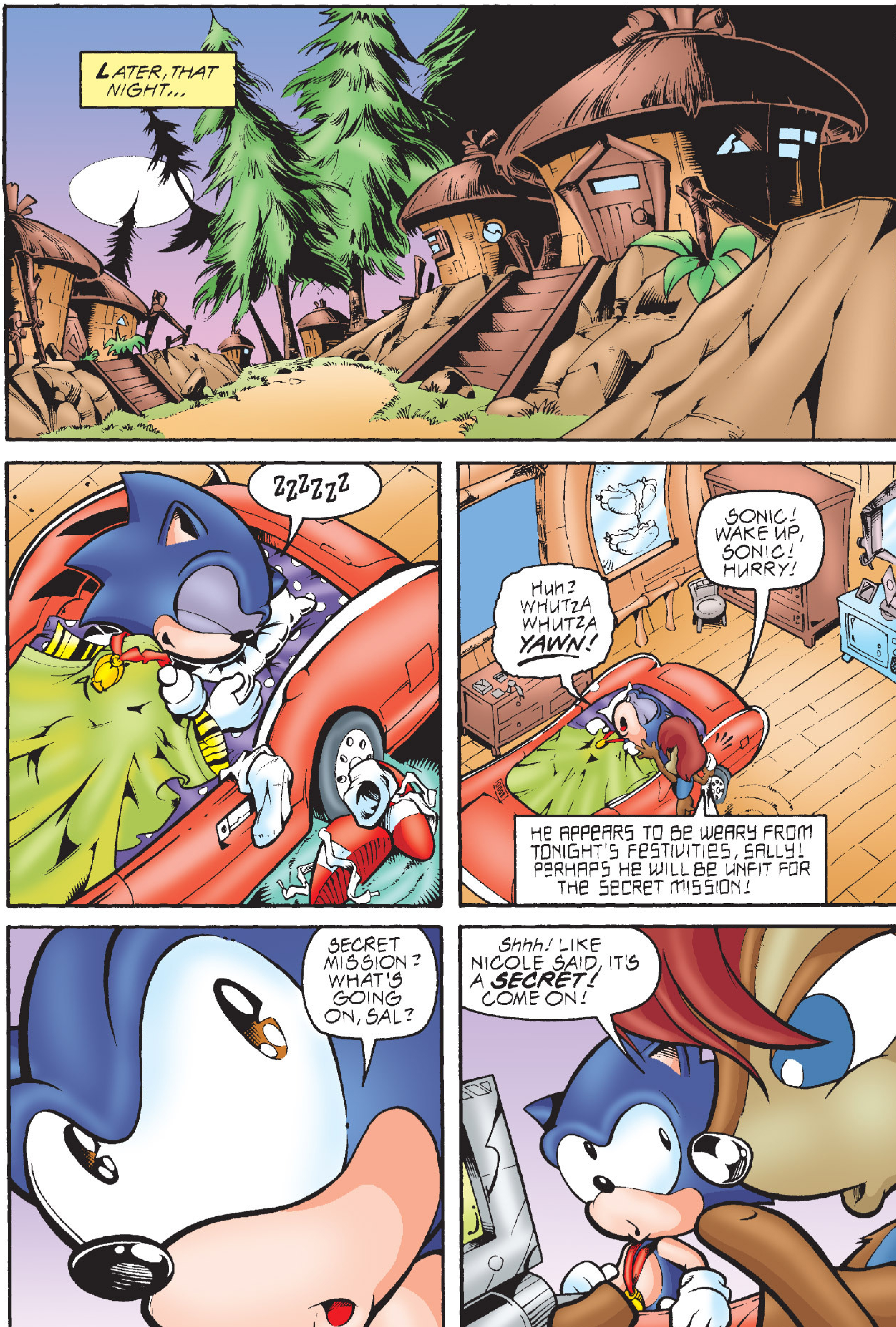

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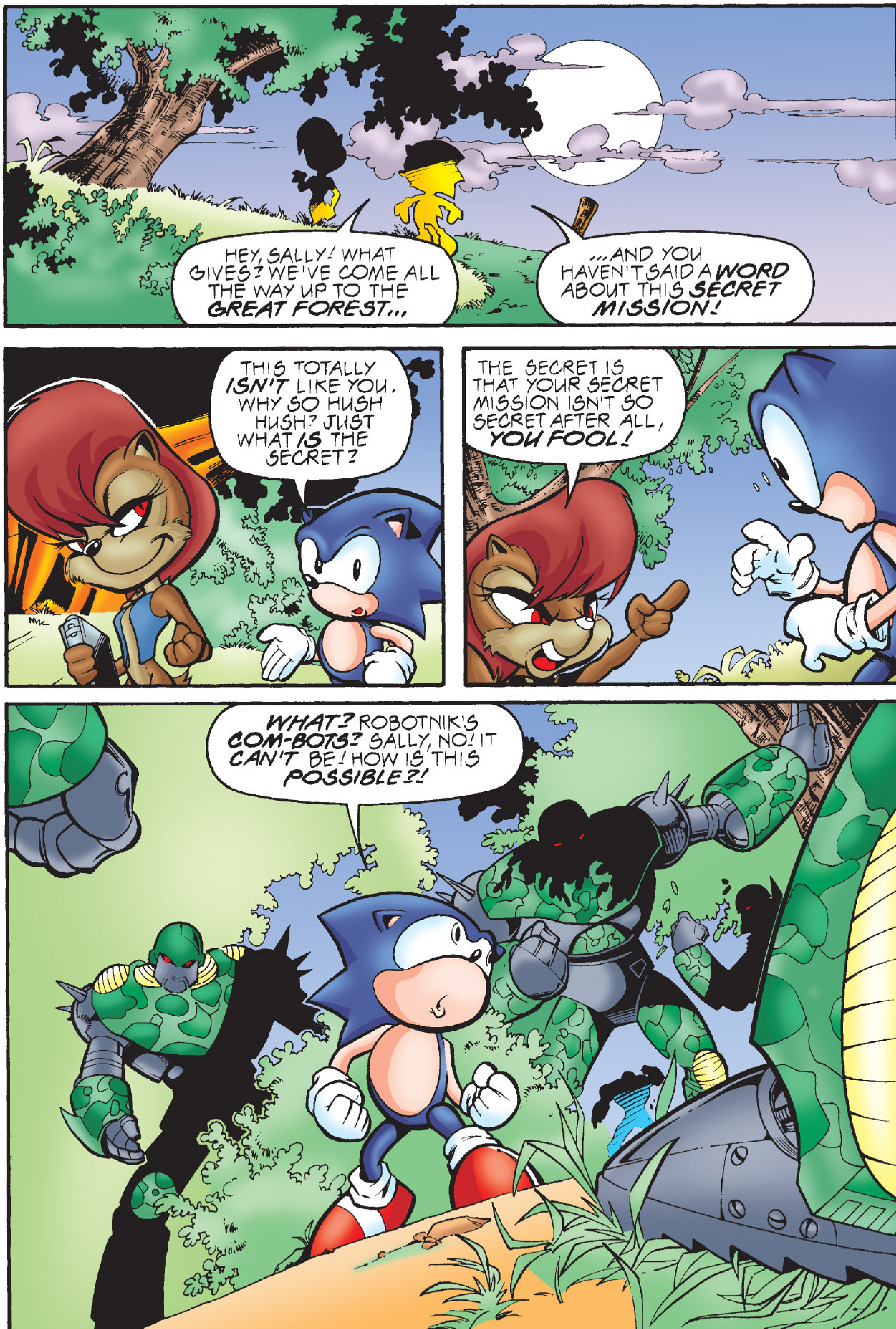

VICTORY
The planet Mobius was like a paradise... until the evil Doctor Robotnik and his mechanical legions conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of technology and pollution. But many young, courageous citizens banded together as a brave group of "Freedom Fighters!" They struggle to overthrow the dictator and, one day, regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the freedom fighters is the fastest and way-coolest dude on two feet... SONIC The HEDGEHOG!
But now, with Robotnik's seeming demise, the freedom-fighting band of 'bot-kicking rebels who brought an end to his tyrannical reign of techno-terror can finally enjoy a long-awaited peace... or can they? Read closely, speed freaks, 'cause only Sonic The Hedgehog can answer that question for you!
The celebration is already underway! Let's join the Freedom Fighters as they corner Sonic away from the other villagers...
SONIC


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
in
reality BYTES
PART 1
THE TIME: THE NIGHT OF ROBOTNIK'S DEFEAT.
THE PLACE: KNOTHOLE VILLAGE FREEDOM FIGHTER COMPOUND.
THE OCCASION: WHY NOT CHECK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF!
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY OUR WHOLE LIVES, SONIC! AND IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU!
I'M SPEECHLESS, SAL! THIS CELEBRATION IS WAY COOL! BUT WHY AREN'T WE CELEBRATING WITH THE REST OF THE VILLAGE AT THE MEETING AREA?




DON'T YOU KNOW? OR MAYBE YOU'RE NOT AS SWIFT AS YOU'D LIKE EVERYONE TO THINK, SONIC!
BZZZ
OR MAYBE MY NEPHEW'S BEEN SO TIRED AFTER FINALLY DEFEATING ROBOTNIK...
...THAT HE HASN'T HAD A MOMENT TO SLOW DOWN!
I THINK THE PRINCESS HAS PULLED ANOTHER FAST ONE ON YOU, SONIC!
UNCLE CHUCK! WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?
GOSH, EVERYBODY! THIS VICTORY BASH IS WAY PAST COOL!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING BRAVERY, BOLD COURAGE AND STRONG LEADERSHIP...
...THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...
...AWARD YOU!
SONIC

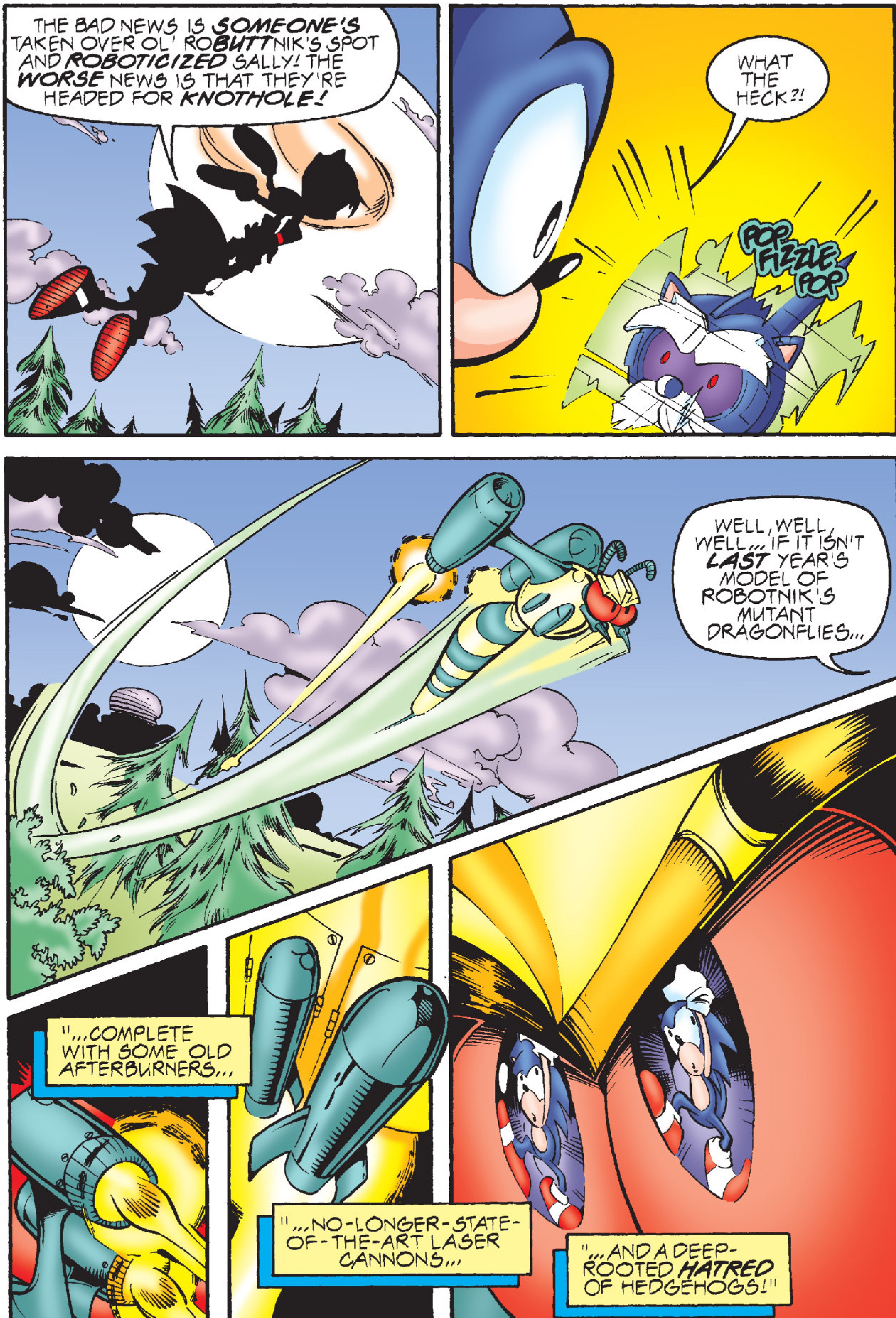

LATER, THAT NIGHT...
ZZZZZZ
SONIC! WAKE UP, SONIC! HURRY!
Huh? WHUTZA WHUTZA YAWN!
HE APPEARS TO BE WEARY FROM TONIGHT'S FESTIVITIES, SALLY! PERHAPS HE WILL BE UNFIT FOR THE SECRET MISSION!
SECRET MISSION? WHAT'S GOING ON, SAL?
Shhh! LIKE NICOLE SAID, IT'S A SECRET! COME ON!

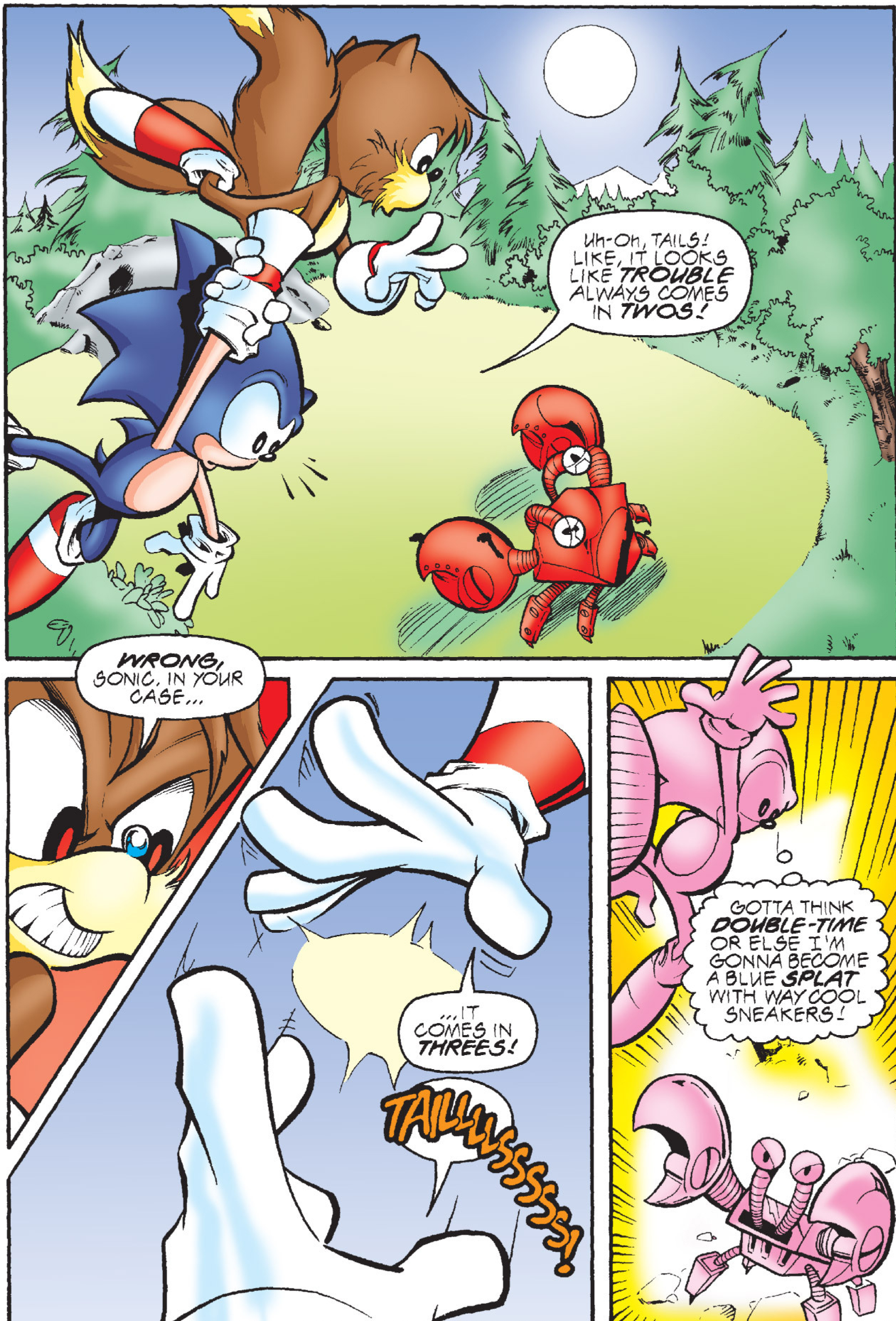

HEY, SALLY! WHAT GIVES? WE'VE COME ALL THE WAY UP TO THE GREAT FOREST...
...AND YOU HAVEN'T SAID A WORD ABOUT THIS SECRET MISSION!
THIS TOTALLY ISN'T LIKE YOU. WHY SO HUSH HUSH? JUST WHAT IS THE SECRET?
THE SECRET IS THAT YOUR SECRET MISSION ISN'T SO SECRET AFTER ALL, YOU FOOL!
WHAT? ROBOTNIK'S COM-BOTS? SALLY, NO! IT CAN'T BE! HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?!



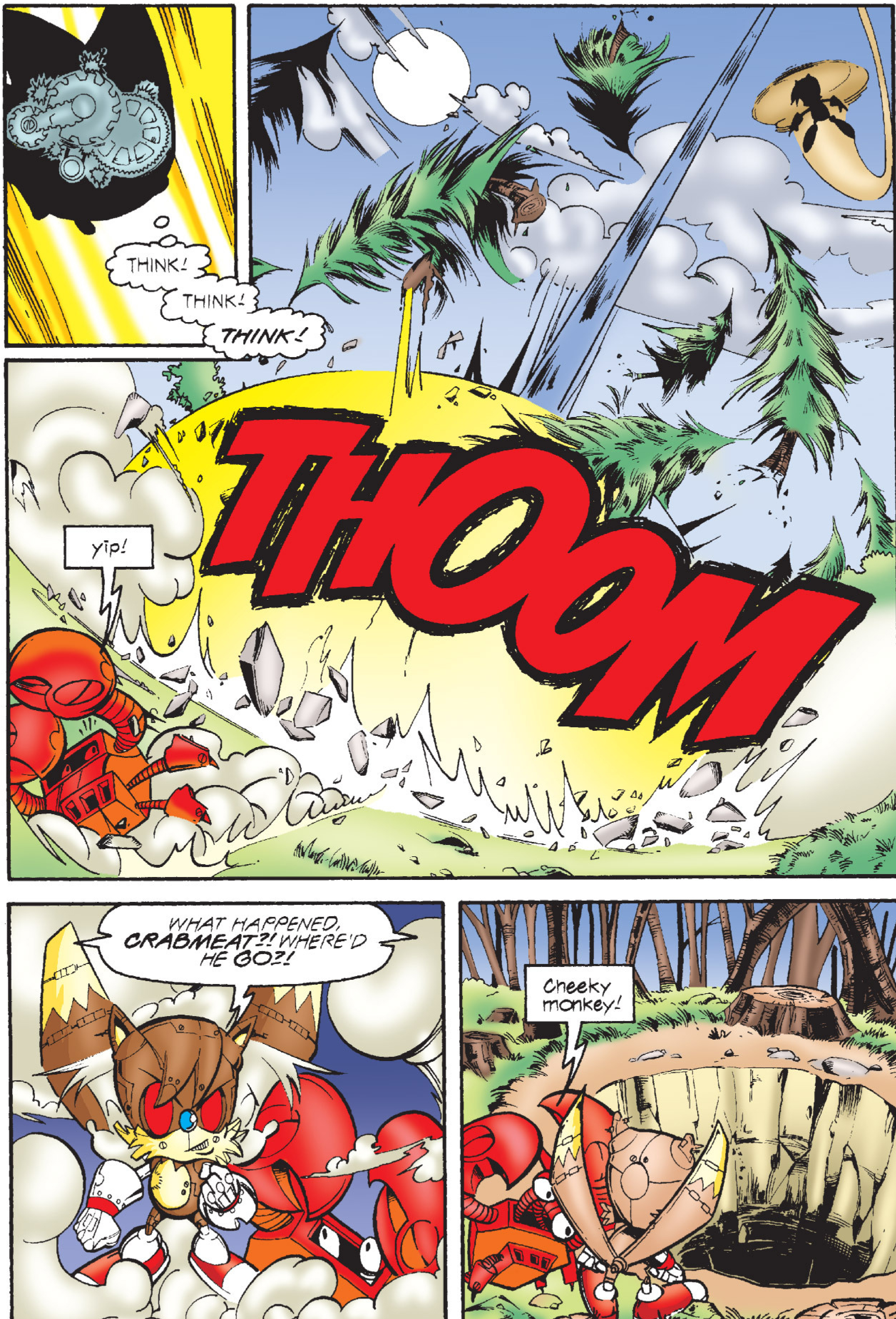
K-CHOOM
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THROUGH!
COMING
OUT!
LOOK
TELL THEM! TELL THEM ALL! NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU, SONIC! SOON, KNOTHOLE WILL BELONG TO DR. ROBOTNIK!
Huh?... BUT ROBOTNIK'S GONE!
I MAY NOT COMPREHEND ANY OF THIS, BUT I STILL BETTER WARN THE OTHERS!
AFTER HIM!

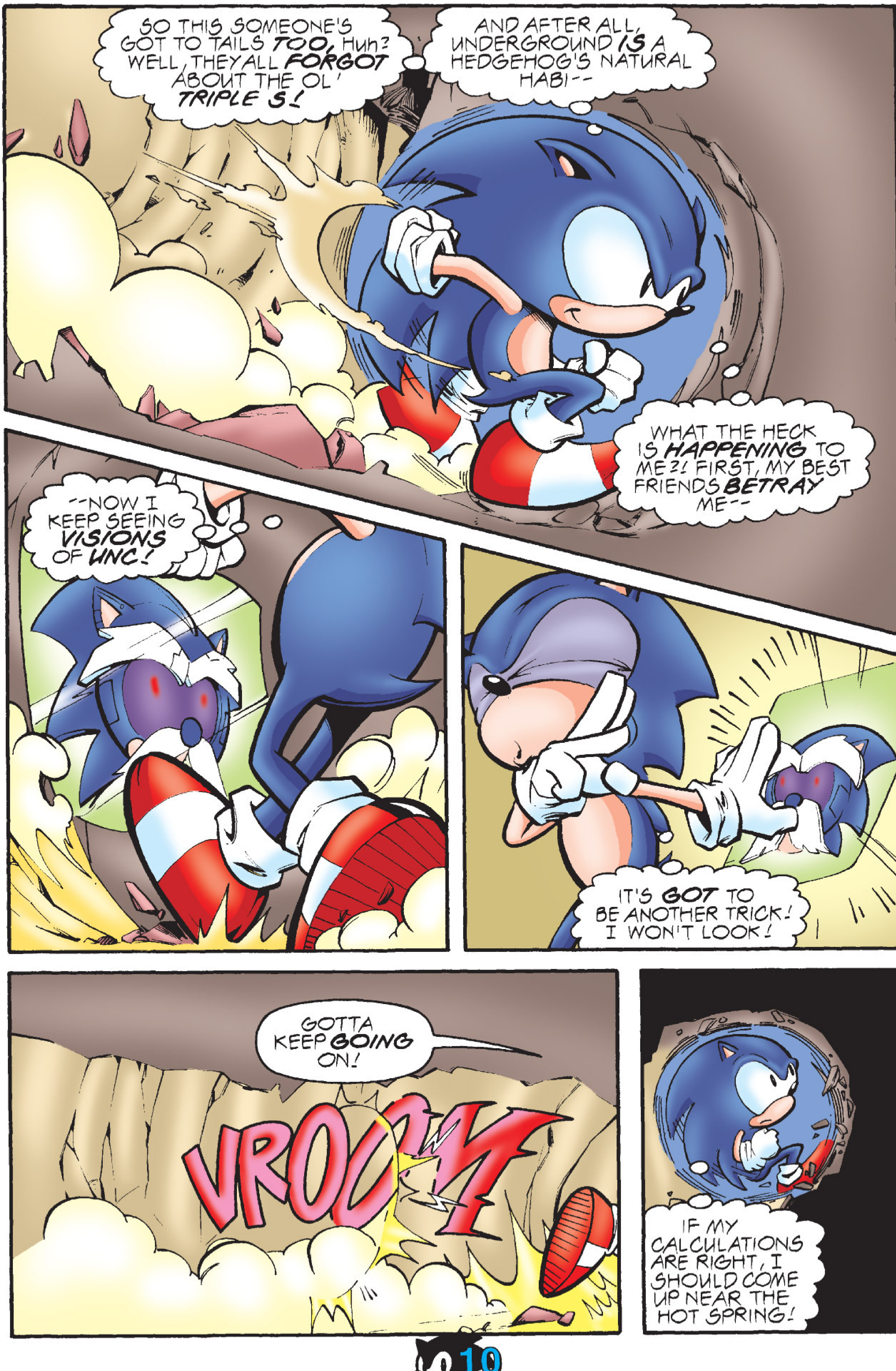

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PART 2
TAILS!
HOLD TIGHT, SONIC! THESE CREEPS MEAN BUSINESS!
HASTA LA VISTA, MEESTAH!

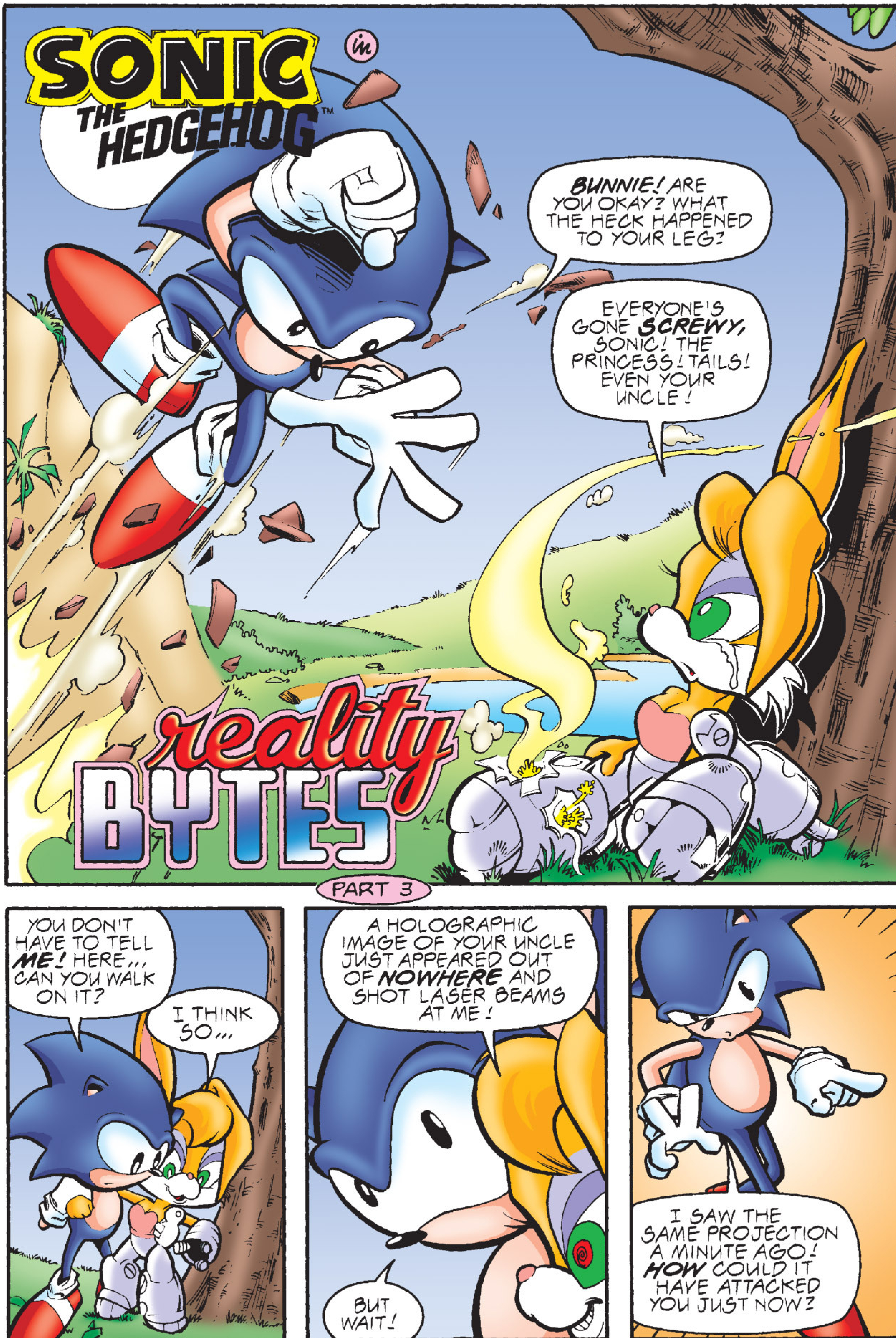

THE BAD NEWS IS SOMEONE'S TAKEN OVER OL' ROBUTTNIK'S SPOT AND ROBOTICIZED SALLY! THE WORSE NEWS IS THAT THEY'RE HEADED FOR KNOTHOLE!
WHAT THE HECK?!
POP FIZZLE POP
WELL, WELL, WELL... IF IT ISN'T LAST YEAR'S MODEL OF ROBOTNIK'S MUTANT DRAGONFLIES...
"...COMPLETE WITH SOME OLD AFTERBURNERS...
"...NO-LONGER-STATE-OF-THE-ART LASER CANNONS...
"...AND A DEEP-ROOTED HATRED OF HEDGEHOGS!"



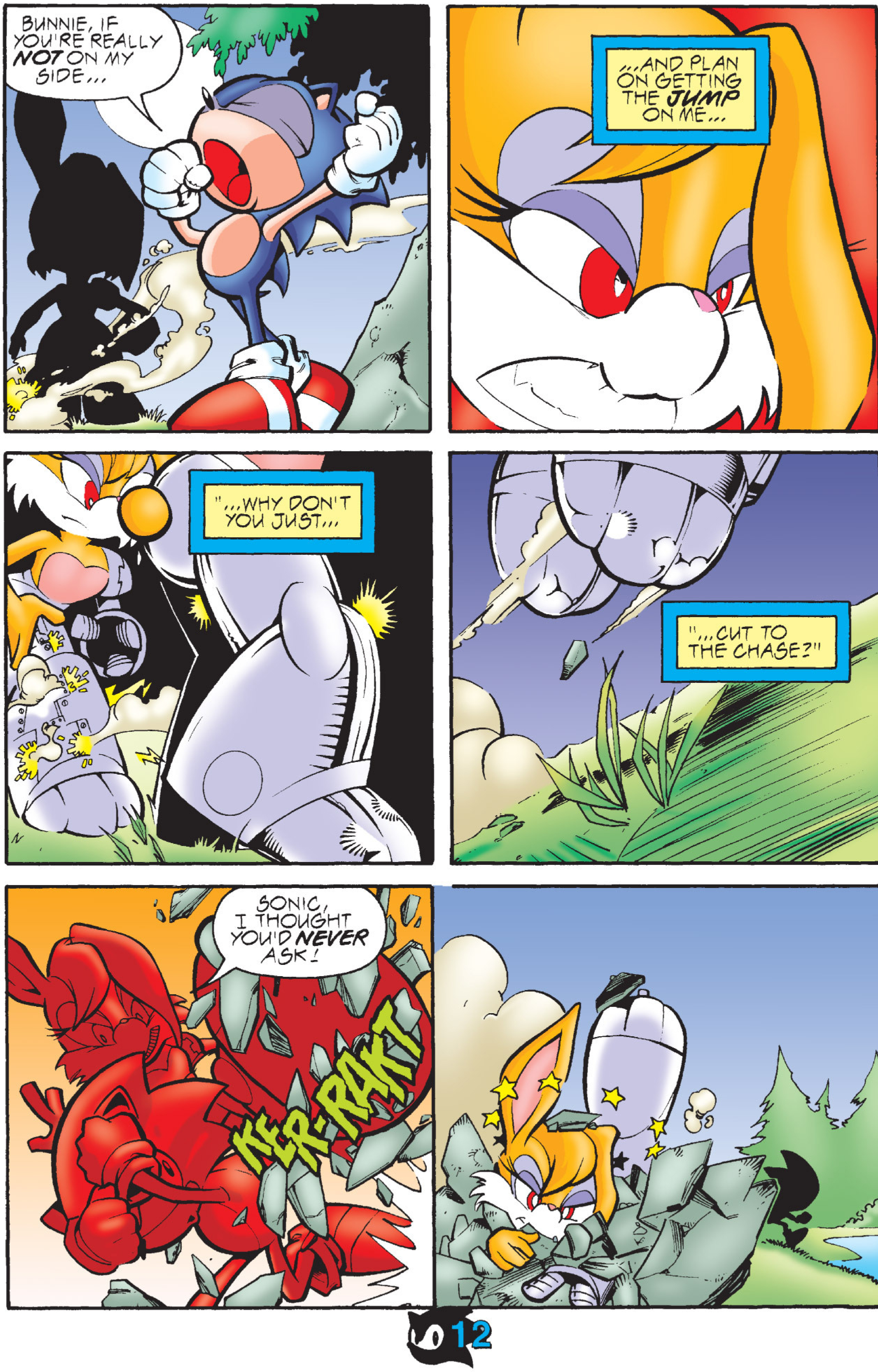
UH-OH, TAILS! LIKE, IT LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE ALWAYS COMES IN TWOS!
WRONG, SONIC. IN YOUR CASE...
...IT COMES IN THREES!
TAILLLLSSSSSS!
GOTTA THINK DOUBLE-TIME OR ELSE I'M GONNA BECOME A BLUE SPLAT WITH WAY COOL SNEAKERS!


THINK!
THINK!
THINK!
THOOM
yip!
WHAT HAPPENED, CRABMEAT?! WHERE'D HE GO?!
Cheeky monkey!

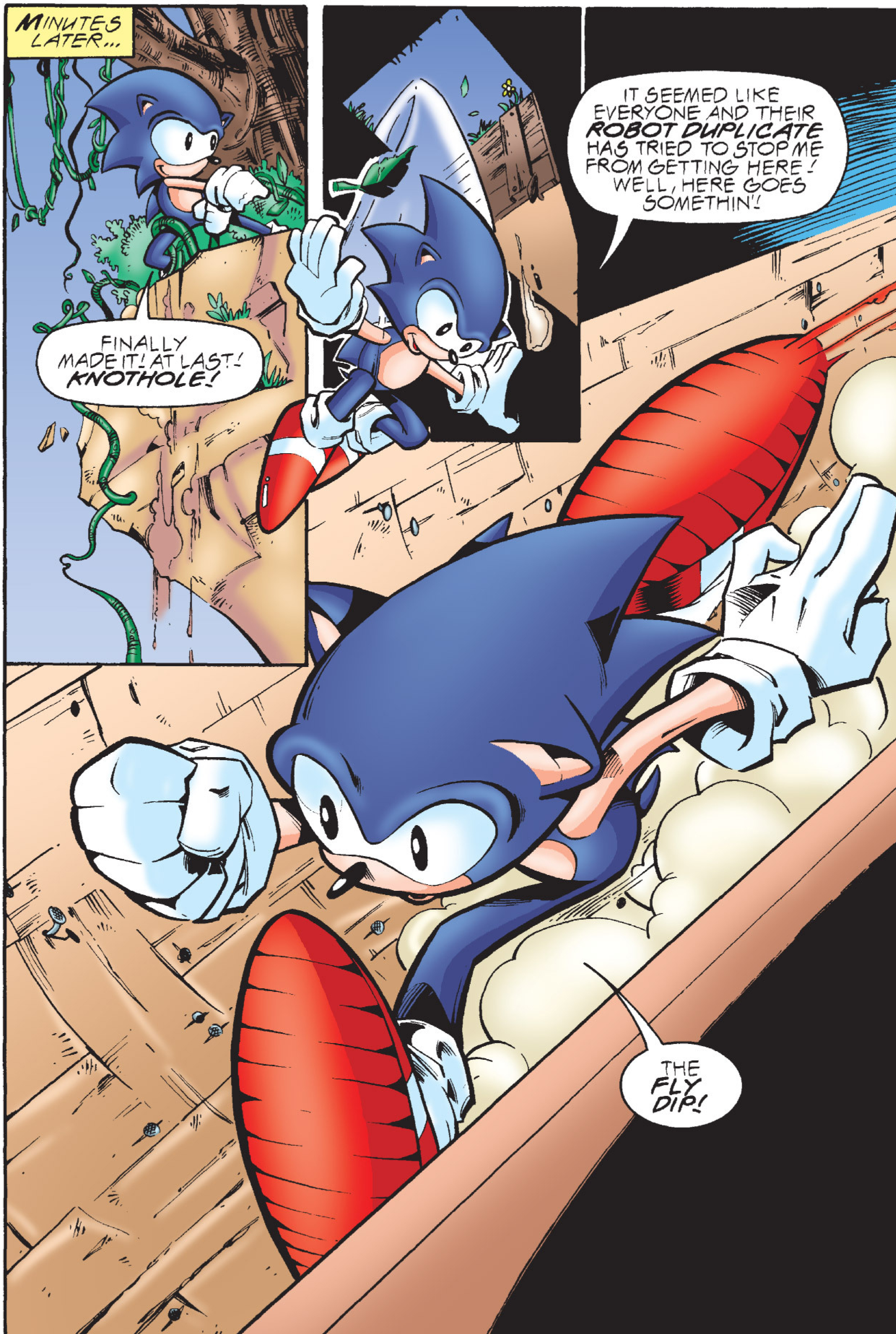

SO THIS SOMEONE'S GOT TO TAILS TOO, Huh? WELL, THEY ALL FORGOT ABOUT THE OL' TRIPLE S!
AND AFTER ALL, UNDERGROUND IS A HEDGEHOG'S NATURAL HABI--
WHAT THE HECK IS HAPPENING TO ME?! FIRST, MY BEST FRIENDS BETRAY ME--
--NOW I KEEP SEEING VISIONS OF UNC!
IT'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER TRICK! I WON'T LOOK!
GOTTA KEEP GOING ON!
VROOM
IF MY CALCULATIONS ARE RIGHT, I SHOULD COME UP NEAR THE HOT SPRING!

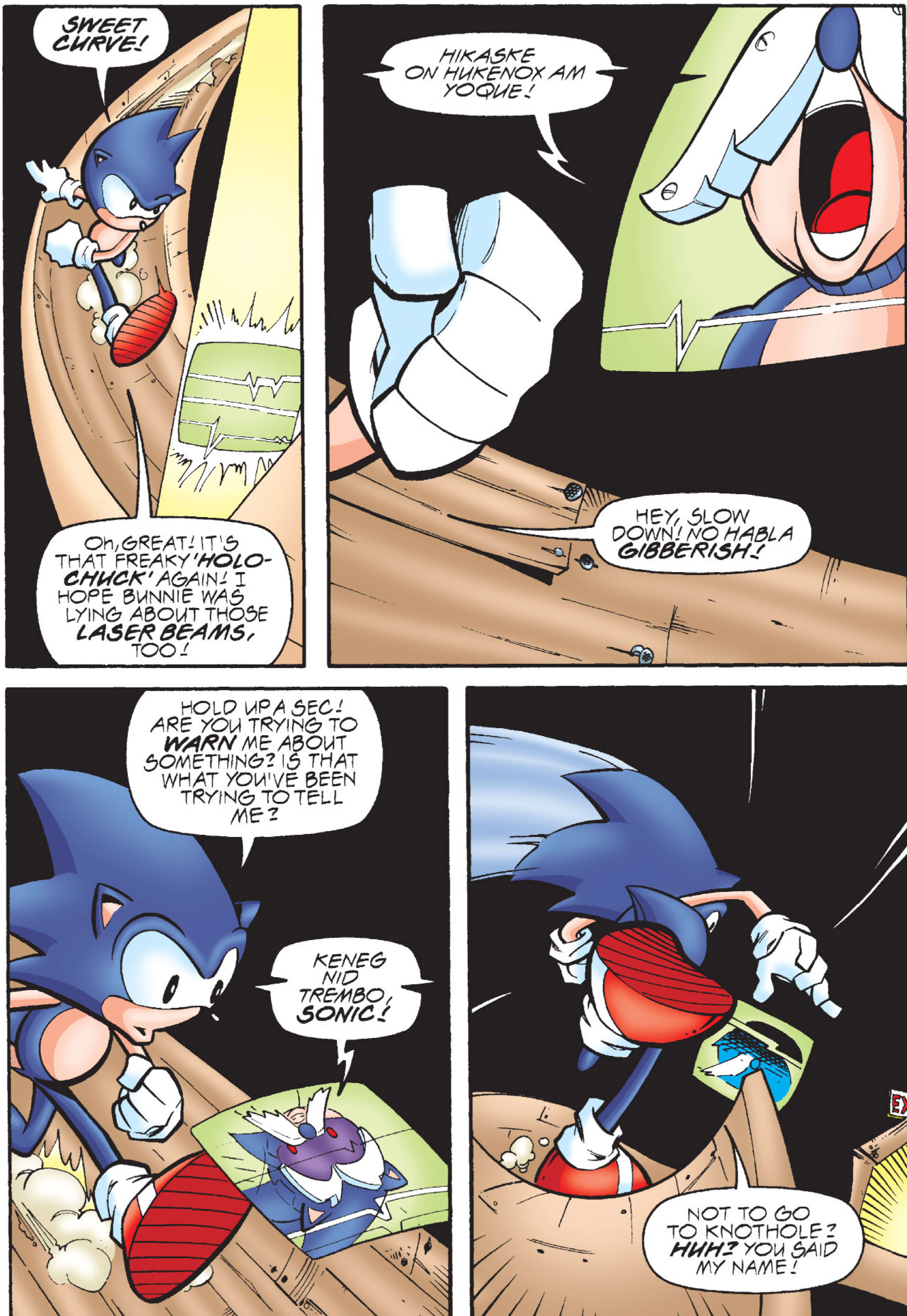


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BUNNIE! ARE YOU OKAY? WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO YOUR LEG?
EVERYONE'S GONE SCREWY, SONIC! THE PRINCESS! TAILS! EVEN YOUR UNCLE!
reality BYTES
PART 3
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME! HERE... CAN YOU WALK ON IT?
I THINK SO...
A HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGE OF YOUR UNCLE JUST APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE AND SHOT LASER BEAMS AT ME!
BUT WAIT!
I SAW THE SAME PROJECTION A MINUTE AGO! HOW COULD IT HAVE ATTACKED YOU JUST NOW?


BUNNIE, IF YOU'RE REALLY NOT ON MY SIDE...
...AND PLAN ON GETTING THE JUMP ON ME...
"...WHY DON'T YOU JUST...
"...CUT TO THE CHASE?"
SONIC, I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK!
KER-RAKT

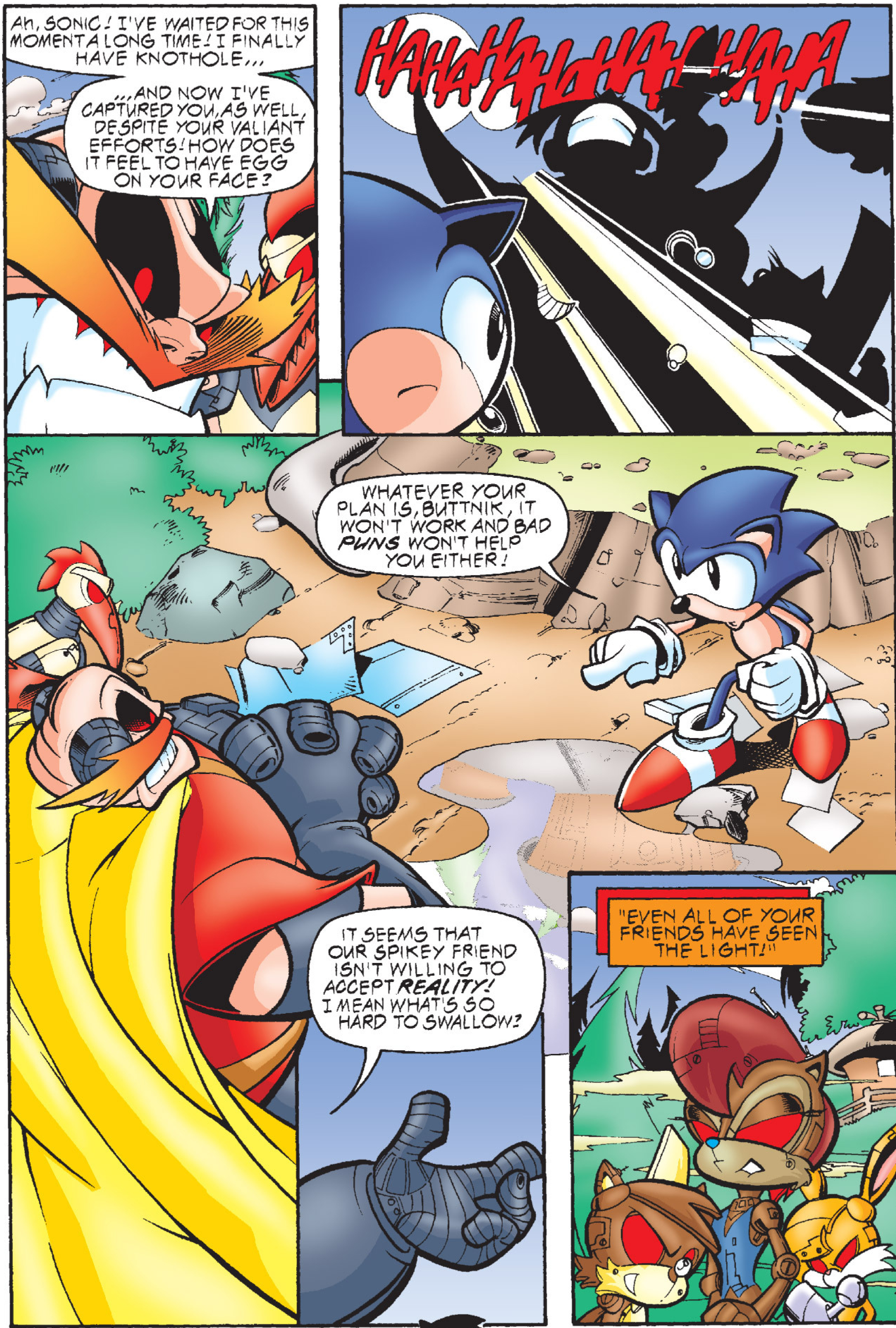

MONDO COOLNESS! A POWER RING...
...COME TO POPPA!
WHAT GIVES? THIS RING'S GOT NO THING!
THAT'S RIGHT, HEDGEHOG! AND THAT MEANS YOU'VE GOT NO--
ZIP
YOU GOT A RING FOR A STRAIGHT-JACKET!
--AND I'M GHOST!


MINUTES LATER...
FINALLY MADE IT! AT LAST! KNOTHOLE!
IT SEEMED LIKE EVERYONE AND THEIR ROBOT DUPLICATE HAS TRIED TO STOP ME FROM GETTING HERE! WELL, HERE GOES SOMETHIN'!
THE FLY DIP!

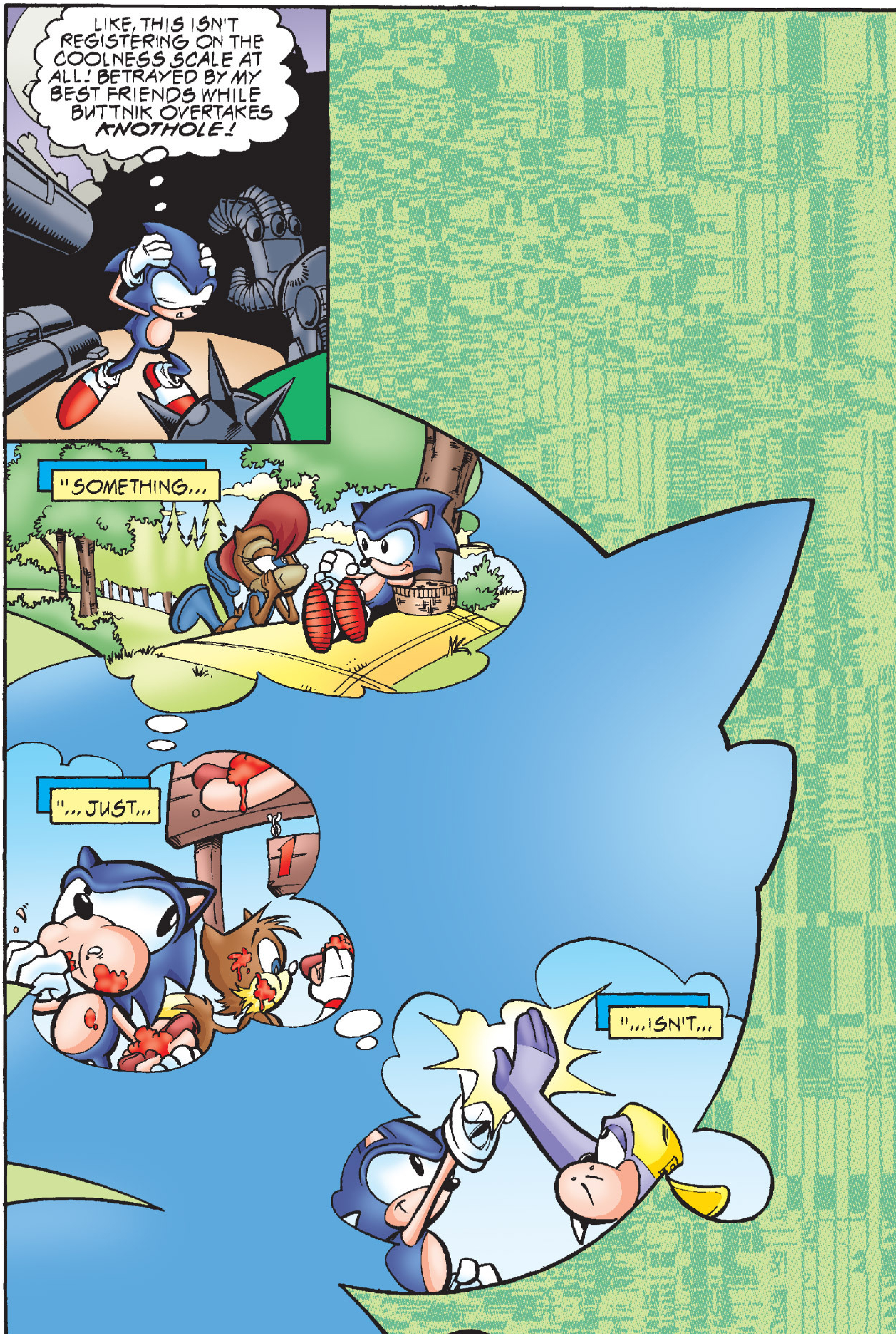

SWEET CURVE!
Oh, GREAT! IT'S THAT FREAKY 'HOLO-CHUCK' AGAIN! I HOPE BUNNIE WAS LYING ABOUT THOSE LASER BEAMS, TOO!
HIKASKE ON HUKENOX AM YOQUE!
HEY, SLOW DOWN! NO HABLA GIBBERISH!
HOLD UP A SEC! ARE YOU TRYING TO WARN ME ABOUT SOMETHING? IS THAT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL ME?
KENEG NID TREMBO, SONIC!
NOT TO GO TO KNOTHOLE? HUH? YOU SAID MY NAME!

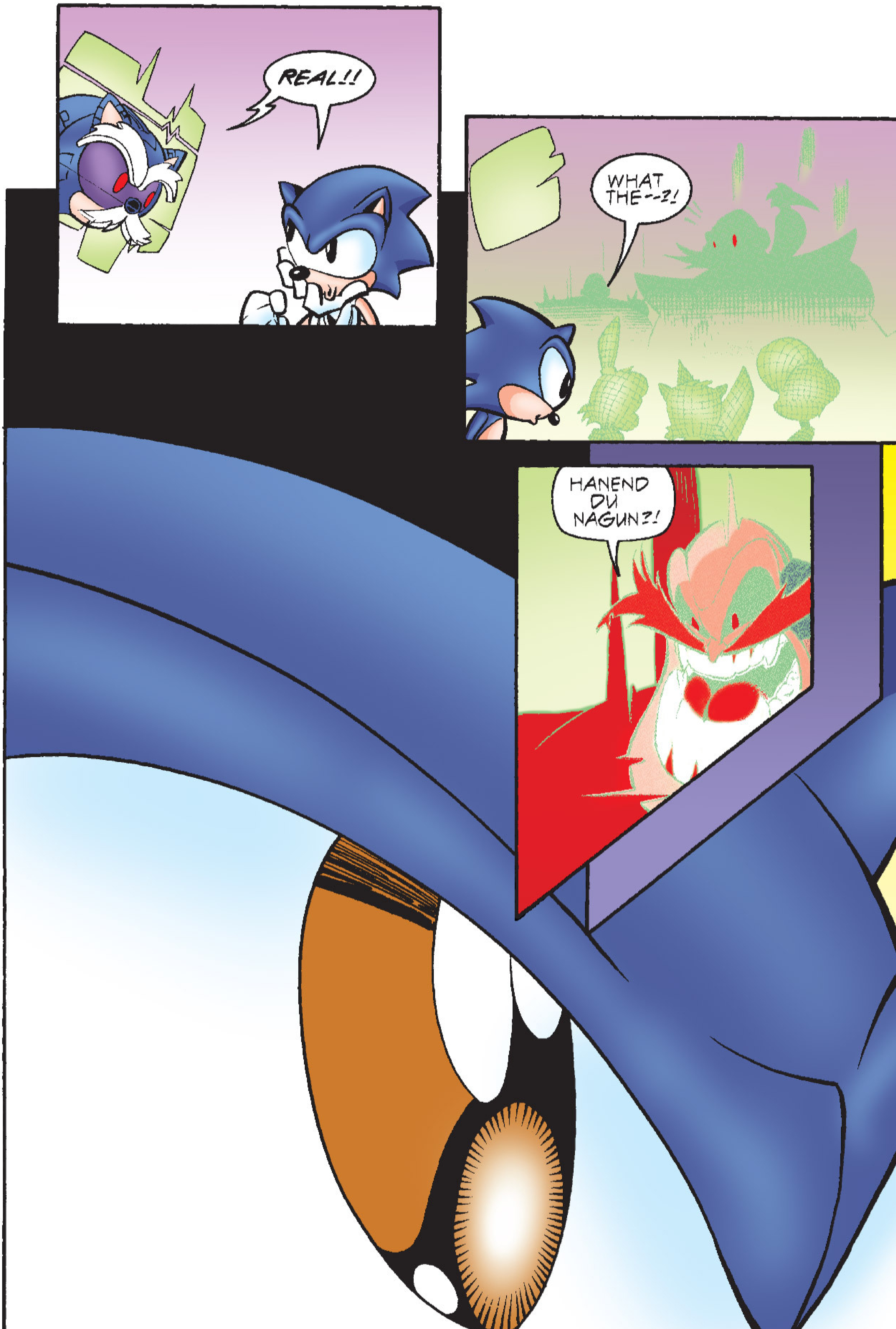


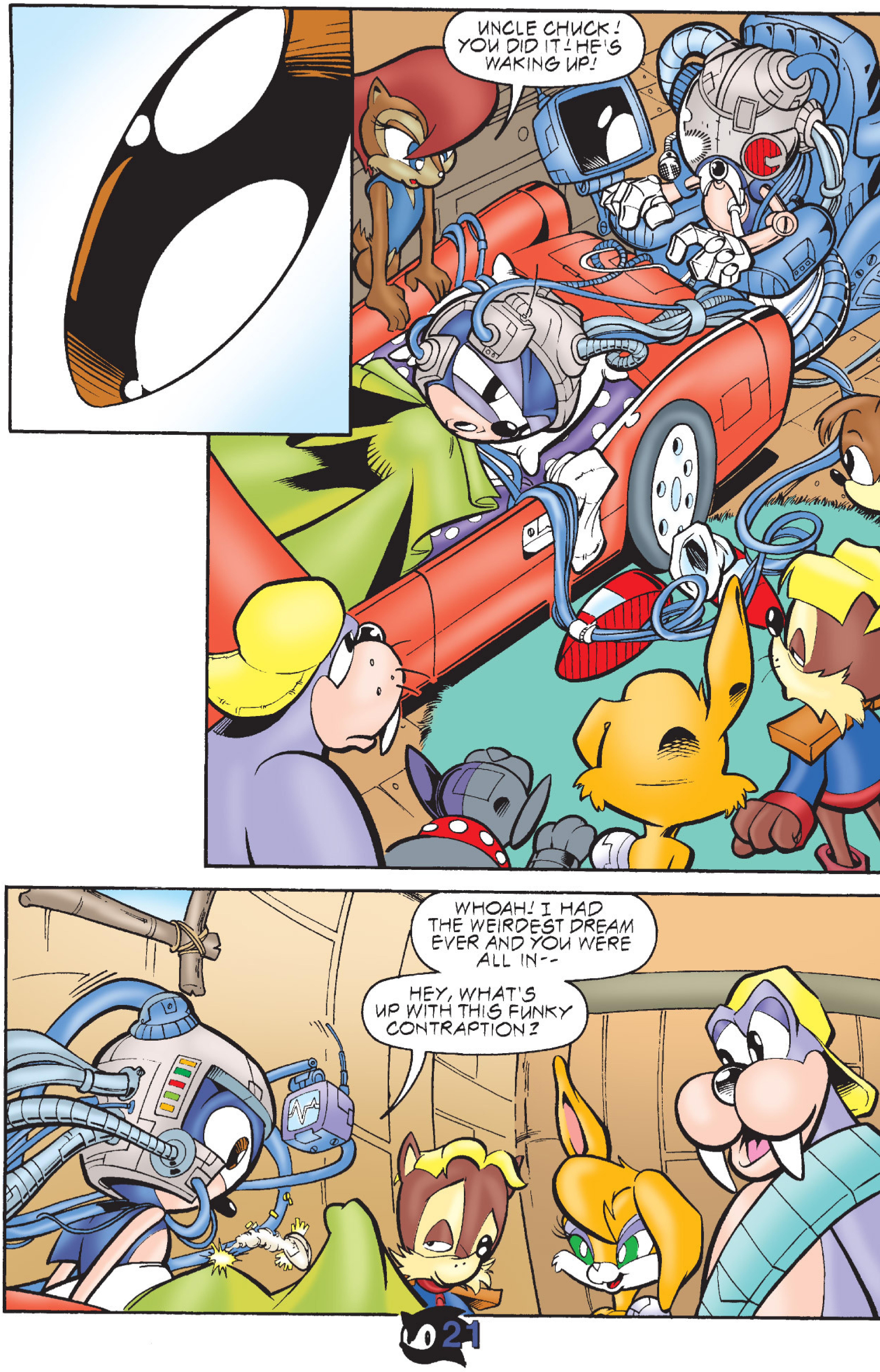
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PART 4
whoops apocalypse.


AH, SONIC! I'VE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT A LONG TIME! I FINALLY HAVE KNOTHOLE...
...AND NOW I'VE CAPTURED YOU, AS WELL, DESPITE YOUR VALIANT EFFORTS! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE EGG ON YOUR FACE?
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
WHATEVER YOUR PLAN IS, BUTTNIK, IT WON'T WORK AND BAD PUNS WON'T HELP YOU EITHER!
IT SEEMS THAT OUR SPIKEY FRIEND ISN'T WILLING TO ACCEPT REALITY! I MEAN WHAT'S SO HARD TO SWALLOW?
"EVEN ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT!"


NOT EVEN YOUR VAUNTED MAGICAL RINGS CAN HELP YOU...
...ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY'RE NOW MY VAUNTED MAGICAL RINGS!
HAHAHAHAHAHA
FACE IT, SONIC! YOU'VE BEEN BEATEN FAIRLY AND SQUARELY! YOUR TEAM-MATES HAVE PLAYED YOU FOR A SAP! WHAT DO YOU SAY?
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!


LIKE, THIS ISN'T REGISTERING ON THE COOLNESS SCALE AT ALL! BETRAYED BY MY BEST FRIENDS WHILE BUTTNIK OVERTAKES KNOTHOLE!
"SOMETHING...
"...JUST...
1
"...ISN'T...


REAL!!
WHAT THE--?!
HANEND DU NAGUN?!



UNCLE CHUCK! YOU DID IT! HE'S WAKING UP!
WHOAH! I HAD THE WEIRDEST DREAM EVER AND YOU WERE ALL IN--
HEY, WHAT'S UP WITH THIS FUNKY CONTRAPTION?


WELL, LET ME TELL YOU...
...IF YOU HAD SAID "NIGHTMARE" YOU'D HAVE BEEN CLOSER TO THE TRUTH, SONIC!
IT SEEMS THAT YOUR AWARD WAS BOOBY-TRAPPED WITH AN ARTIFICIAL VIRUS THAT THREW INTO A VIRTUAL-REALITY NIGHTMARE WHILE YOU SLEPT!
Huh?
IT'S TRUE! AND FURTHERMORE, HAD YOU GIVEN INTO ROBOTNIK'S WISHES YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN TRAPPED IN VR FOREVER!
THE HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGE THAT YOU SAW WAS ME TRYING TO WARN YOU VIA THIS DEVICE I HASTILY WHIPPED UP!
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU BACK, SONIC!
WE WERE VAIRY WORRIED ABOUT YOU!


WHAT A KICK IN THE PANTS THAT WOULD BE IF ROBOTNIK HAD SCORED FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE!
WELL, AS IT TURNS OUT, IT LOOKS AS IF ROBOTNIK HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!
HUH??
BUT IF BUTTNIK WASN'T BEHIND THIS, THEN WHO?
WHAT'S NEXT? JOIN US IN SONIC #52 BEFORE THE ACTION REALLY KICKS INTO HIGH GEAR IN SONIC: BRAVE NEW WORLD! THE RIDE HAS JUST STARTED!